



## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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### **First Escapee from Jameson Annex Captured June 24, 1999**

The first inmate to escape from the Jameson Annex of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls was quickly captured again by authorities.

Inmate Robert Loftus was discovered missing from the Jameson Annex during an inmate count. He apparently hid in a trailer of a vehicle in the sally port of a prison industries building. All of the 305 inmates at the Jameson Annex were locked down immediately by prison staff when it was determined Loftus was missing. Local law enforcement were notified and a search team was formed that included officers from the Sioux Falls Police Department, Division of Criminal Investigation, Highway Patrol Troopers and deputies from the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department. Loftus was discovered about two hours later in a Sioux Falls neighborhood.

Loftus will be referred to prosecutors for escape charges. He faces up to seven additional years for the escape. Loftus is already serving a life sentence for his conviction on robbery and rape charges out of Pennington County in June 1996.

The Jameson Annex opened in 1993.